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Fremont-Winema National Forests
Lakeview District BLM
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USDA's Fremont-Winema National Forests
(Includes Bly, Chemult, Chiloquin, Klamath, Lakeview, Paisley, and Silver Lake Ranger Districts)
USDI's Bureau of Land Management, Lakeview District
(Includes Klamath Falls and Lakeview Resource Areas)

For Immediate Release

Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council to Meet in Hines, Oregon

Lakeview, Oregon – The Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council (SEORAC) will hold a meeting for all members from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time (PT), Monday, December 8, 2003, and 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (PT) on Tuesday, December 9, 2003 at the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Burns District Office. The meeting will take place at the Burns District Office, Conference Room, 28910 Hwy 20 West, Hines, Oregon 97738.

The meeting topics that may be discussed by the Council include a discussion of issues within Southeast Oregon related to: welcome new members, set 2004 meeting dates, update on National Fire Plan implementation, Healthy Forest Initiative as it relates to Eastern Oregon, noxious weeds – update and explanation on national process, report/update on Sage Grouse Conservation Plan, report/update on Sustainable Working Landscapes, tour of Burns Wild Horse facility, update on Steens Mountain Advisory Council activities, update on Steens/Andrews Resource Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement, SEORAC Subcommittee meetings and reports, summary of Rangeland Health Assessment process, Federal Officials' update and other issues that may come before the Council.

The Secretary of the Interior established the 15-member SEORAC in 1995 to provide advice to BLM and Forest Service (FS) line managers in southeast Oregon.

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Recommendations are made concerning public land managed in all or portions of the Burns, Lakeview, and Vale Districts of the BLM, and the Deschutes, Fremont-Winema, Malhuer and Ochoco National Forests. This is located primarily in Harney, Malhuer and Lake Counties, and includes small areas of Crook, Deschutes, Grant, and Baker Counties.

The entire meeting is open to the public and provides time for open comment from 11:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. (PT) on Monday, December 8, 2003. Information to be distributed to the Council members is available, if requested in written format 10 days prior to the Council meeting.

For more information on the SEORAC or the upcoming meeting, contact Pam Talbott, Lakeview Interagency Office, 1301 South G Street, Lakeview, Oregon 97630, or call (541) 947-6107 weekdays between 7:45 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., PST. Internet users can also check the following website: <http://www.or.blm.gov/SEOR-RAC>.

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